

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 278

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

AN ACT

RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE--CREATED--FINDINGS--REPORT.--

A. The "missing and murdered indigenous women task
force" is created and shall exist until the end of fiscal year
2021.

B. The task force consists of:

(1) the secretary of Indian affairs or the
secretary's designee from the Indian affairs department, who
shall be chair of the task force;

(2) the secretary of public safety or the
secretary's designee from the department of public safety;

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1 (3) a representative of the United States
2 bureau of Indian affairs office of justice services designated
3 by the southwest region's deputy regional director for Indian
4 services of the bureau of Indian affairs;

5 (4) one person who is a member of a pueblo,
6 appointed by the governor;

7 (5) one person who is a member of the
8 Jicarilla Apache Nation, appointed by the governor;

9 (6) one person who is a member of the
10 Mescalero Apache Tribe, appointed by the governor;

11 (7) one person who is a member of the Navajo
12 Nation, appointed by the governor;

13 (8) one person from the office of the medical
14 investigator;

15 (9) one person who is a representative of an
16 indigenous women's nongovernmental organization that provides
17 counseling services for indigenous women and girls who have
18 been victims of violence, appointed by the governor;

19 (10) one person who is a representative of a
20 statewide or local nongovernmental organization that provides
21 legal services to indigenous women and girls who have been
22 victims of violence, appointed by the governor; and

23 (11) one person who is an indigenous woman who
24 has been a victim of violence or a family member of an
25 indigenous woman who has been a victim of violence, appointed

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1 by the governor.

2 C. Vacancies by members of the task force appointed
3 by the governor shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

4 D. Task force members appointed by the governor may
5 receive per diem and mileage as provided for non-salaried
6 public officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall
7 receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

8 E. The task force shall conduct a study to
9 determine how to increase state resources for reporting and
10 identifying missing and murdered indigenous women in the state.
11 The task force shall collaborate with tribal law enforcement
12 agencies to determine the scope of the problem, identify
13 barriers to address the problem and create partnerships to
14 improve the reporting of and the investigation of missing and
15 murdered indigenous women.

16 F. The task force shall work with tribal
17 governments and shall respect tribal sovereignty. The task
18 force shall collaborate with the United States department of
19 justice to improve its processes for information sharing and
20 coordination of resources in regard to reporting and
21 investigating cases of missing and murdered indigenous women in
22 the state.

23 G. The task force shall report its findings and
24 recommendations to the governor, the legislative council
25 service library and the appropriate interim legislative

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1 committee and present those findings to the appropriate interim
2 legislative committee prior to November 1, 2020.

3 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
4 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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